

swivel mounted at the other end onto a supporting plate under the sliding guide around a second swivel axis running parallel to the first swivel axis. This is where, on the sliding edge adjacent to the equipment side of the supporting plate, the sliding guide has at least one locking recess, into which the supporting frame end leading to the sliding guide tightly fits in order to support the supporting plate.

**Remarks**

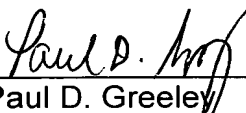
The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended to eliminate reference numbers and to comply with MPEP 608.01(b).

Consideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made."

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In The Abstract

Please amend the abstract as follows:

[Summary] Abstract of the Disclosure

[The present invention concerns a]  $\Delta$  supporting device [(7)] for a portable device to measure and/or test components of electrical and/or optical networks[. It contains] includes a supporting plate [(8)], which is built in, or may be attached to, the equipment; a supporting frame [(12)], which may stand at one end on the sub-surface and may be adjustably fitted at the other end to a sliding guide [(11)] arranged on at least one supporting frame [(8)]; and at least one lever [(8)], which at one end may be swivel mounted on a supporting frame [(12)] between both ends [(20, 31)] around a first swivel axis [(19)] that essentially runs parallel to the support surface, and may be swivel mounted at the other end onto a supporting plate [(8)] under the sliding guide [(11)] around a second swivel axis [(23)] running parallel to the first swivel axis [(19)]. This is where, on the sliding edge [(25)] adjacent to the equipment side [(9)] of the supporting plate [(8)], the sliding guide [(11)] has at least one locking recess [(27)], into which the supporting frame end [(31)] leading to the sliding guide [(11)] tightly fits in order to support the supporting plate [(8)].